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## Germany Now Split In Two

Admission By Sir Brian Robertson

Berlin, Apr. 7.—The Allied officials who heard General Sir Brian Robertson, the British Military Governor, tell Germans in Dueseldorf today that the East-West split of their country is "a fact for the time being" expect important Western decisions on Germany's future, on or about April 10, the next date for a Control Council meeting.

While the Germans themselves showed interest in the general speech, some feeling that it had come too late to make much difference, Anglo-American authorities interpreted it as a definite preparation for the territorial and economic partition of the country.

An indication that the negotiations for the integration of the French Zone into Bizonia may have reached an advanced stage was seen in the visit of M. Maurice Couve de Murville, Director-General of Political Affairs at the French Foreign Office, to Berlin.

M. de Murville's explanation that his visit was purely social met with almost universal scepticism among observers, who recalled that three-power talks have been going on unbroken at lower levels since the London tripartite conference. With three days to go, no action has yet been taken to call a meeting of the four-power Allied Control Council, which last met on March 20, when the Russians walked out.

### PARLIAMENT ADJOURNS

In Dueseldorf, the North Rhine Westphalia State Parliament tonight adjourned without debating the speech of General Robertson earlier today.

Professor Noetting, Minister of Economics of North Rhine Westphalia, said if the speech had been made a year ago, "it would have effected wonders. Now, however, people want to hear something definite on economic questions affecting the Ruhr."

In Frankfurt, Herr Herbert Kreidemann, leader of the Social Democrats in the Bizonal Council, said General Robertson's speech showed "the courage required today for the defenders of freedom."

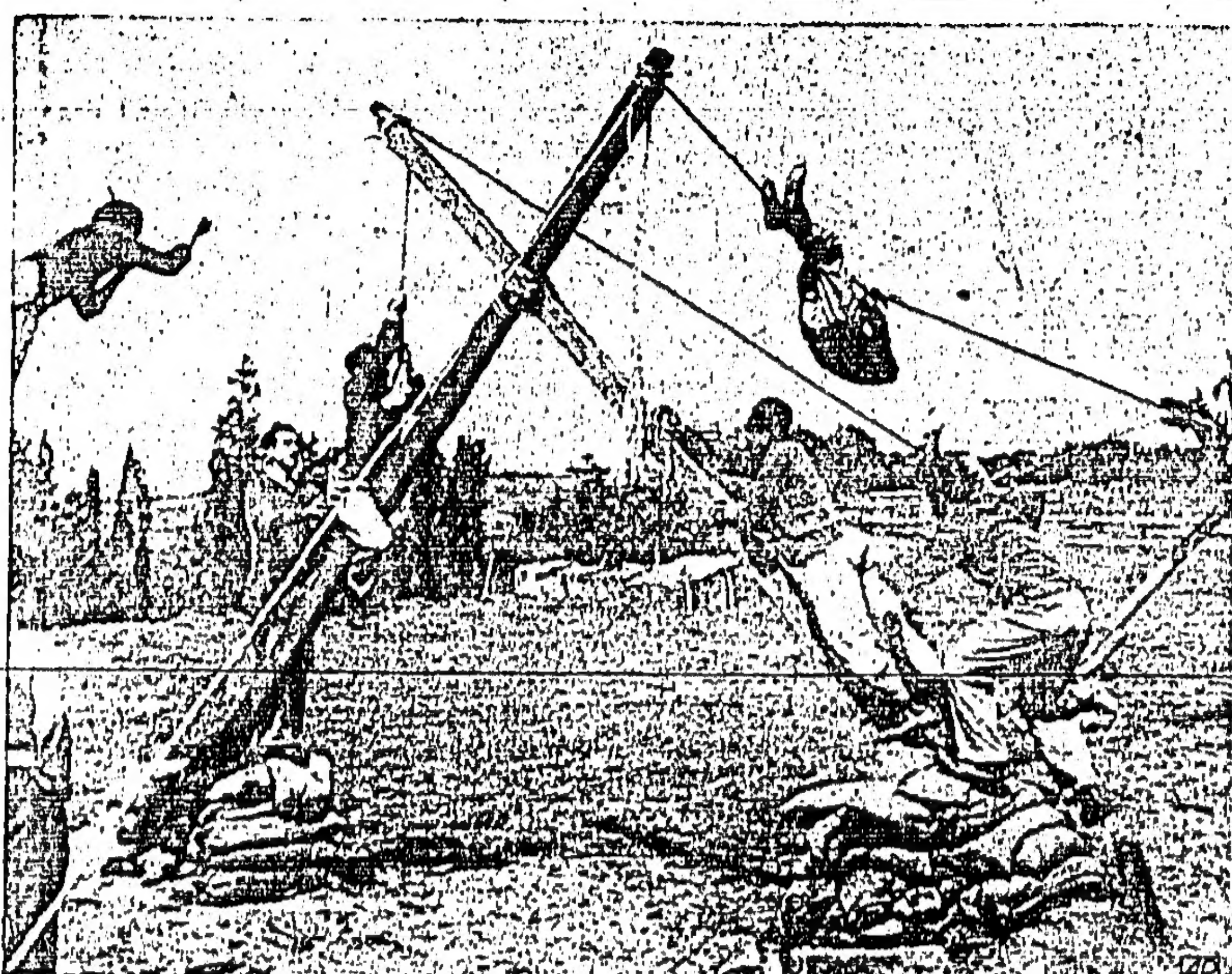
He said no Germans would ever stop working for the unity of the whole of Germany, but unity would only come "as the fruit of a political struggle." He added that Germans could only become full partners in a common European effort by regaining their statehood.—Reuter.

### EDITORIAL

## Sir Stafford's Budget

SIR Stafford Cripps's estimates for the 1948-9 financial year have been described as a "restrained pleasures budget"—an apt enough phrase when it is realised that the British taxpayer will have to pay more than ever for his beer, wines, spirits, tobacco and football pools. These, it would seem, the Chancellor of the Exchequer considers to be the chief contributors to the nation's inflation, although he discovers another element—rash spending of income from investments which he proposes to deal with by imposing a levy on all such incomes from £250 upwards. To the taxpayer, these are the distasteful and depressing features of the budget. Sir Stafford, however, has sought to soften the blow by income tax concessions which will make half a million wage-earners free of direct taxation, and will also materially reduce the tax levels of the "middle class" workers. This amounts somewhat of paying back Peter after robbing Paul, and it is not easy to appreciate just how the procedure will stop Britain's dangerous inflationary trend. The attempt to discourage heavy spending on what Sir Stafford regards as unessential luxuries like tobacco, beer and spirits by making them more costly to the customer is surely going to be offset by giving the people more spending money through tax concessions and reduced direct taxation. Rather more to the point is his decision to modify and simplify the Purchase Tax. As the Chancellor quite rightly points out where this tax exceeds 100 percent the goods are diverted into the black market giving

## Haganah In Training



## Strong Criticism Of Investment Levy

### DALTON-ANNOYS OPPOSITION

London, Apr. 7.—Sir Stafford Cripps's imposition of a special levy on income investments, was the main target for criticism by the Opposition in the House of Commons today when the debate on the Budget was resumed.

The chief Opposition speaker today, Mr. Harry Crookshank, a former Financial Secretary of the Treasury, said this "capital levy" would have a bad effect upon savings.

It would be advantageous in the "financial spiv" who had kept his money liquid as against genuine thrifty savers.

It was discriminatory and bad in an anti-inflationary budget, because it could only be paid for by liquidating capital.

Dr Hugh Dalton, Sir Stafford's predecessor as Chancellor, drew protests from the Opposition by alleging that there had been a conspiracy in certain quarters "to frustrate the Government's cheap money policy and to try to force down the gilt edge market about the time when the nationalised transport

# Arab-Jew Battle Near Plains Of Armageddon

## Truce Talks Hitch

With the Yarmuk army in Northern Palestine, Apr. 7.—Arabs and Jews are still battling tonight in the first offensive of organised Arab armies against outlying Jewish settlements.

The battle, now in its third day, followed a Yarmuk army attack with artillery and rifles on Mishmar Haemek (Guardian of the Emek Valley) at the edge of the Plains of Armageddon.

Neither side is militarily effective at the moment but the Arabs would take these isolated settlements with ease if they could erase the conflict in their command.

The British authorities are not in a position to interfere with either the Arab attacks or the Jewish counterattacks.

The Yarmuk Army commander, Fawzi Bey Kaukhji, sent an ultimatum today to all the Jewish Palestine calling "surrender or we will wipe you out."

At his mountain top headquarters in Northern Palestine, Fawzi Bey told the Associated Press "we are now in the second phase of our operation in Palestine. Unless the Jews surrender, we will launch general field operations to wipe them out."

The actual attack on Mishmar Haemek was directed by a middle-aged professional soldier, Col. Mohammed Bey Mahdi, a native of Iran in Iran. He was once on the staff of Lawrence of Arabia and later fought with the Germans in the second world war.—Associated Press.

talks were suggested by the Arabs. When the Arab and Jewish representatives arrived, Jamal El Hussein saw Dr Lopez privately, after which the President suggested he should meet both parties separately.

Moshe Shertok, for the Jewish Agency, objected as he thought the idea was to have round table talks, whereupon Dr Lopez retired to another room with the Arabs.

Jamal El Hussein is the Deputy President of the Arab Higher Committee.

Britain had indicated that she would be willing to attend the truce talks if invited.

### TWO MAIN POINTS

The discussion at today's informal meeting of the Security Council delegates, which was attended by M. Andrei Gromyko, of Russia, centred on two main points:

1.—A truce in Palestine.

2.—The restoration of established principles on which nations should be chosen to implement the partition by force if required.

Mr Warren Austin, for the United States, emphasised the importance of getting co-operation from Britain in the truce talks, as he said it was particularly vital to know what Britain would do to implement a truce between now and May 15, when the mandate ends.

No specific proposals were made today about the implementation of a truce after May 15, as it was understood the Security Council delegates would wait until Dr Lopez's negotiations were further advanced.

The delegates present agreed to think over the principles which should govern the choice of powers which might eventually have to enforce the trusteeship agreement with their own armies.

A United States spokesman said his delegation had not put forward any principles and was waiting for other countries to make suggestions.

### FRENCH POSITION

The French delegation to the United Nations made clear its position on the proposal for trusteeship for Palestine after today's discussions. M. Alexandre Parodi said the trusteeship idea had three main difficulties—(1) the United Nations must be assured that any new Assembly decision will not again run the risk of not being applicable; (2) the United Nations must achieve some agreement between Arabs and Jews on the question of immigration; (3) in order to avoid the tragic consequences which may result from the absence of regulations when the mandate ends; (3) the maintenance of law and order cannot be left solely to the Governor-General of Palestine.

M. Parodi added that should these difficulties not be covered by an accurate and detailed document before May 15, "it is only too probable that actual fighting will become more violent and even degenerate into massacres, the responsibility for which the United Nations could not elude." For these reasons, the French delegation believed the American 15-point trusteeship plan required "fuller study."—Reuter.

## Reynolds Gives Away His Plane

Honolulu, Apr. 7.—Explorer Milton Reynolds has given his US\$125,000 plane to his pilot Bill Odom with no strings attached. The millionaire pennilesser disclosed this today as Odom and his crew flew toward Chicago. Reynolds summed up his recent escapade in China, where he left behind a trail of scientists who were to participate in a planned aerial search for the world's highest mountain: "I am like a small boy with air rifles. I got into mischief."—Associated Press.

Jewish youths, new recruits of the Palestine defence organisation Haganah, climb up and along ropes in a training camp at an undisclosed spot in Palestine. This is part of the three-week, intensive training course through which the men are put before being assigned to protect Jewish settlements against Arab attacks.—AP Wirephoto.

## ABANDONED HOSPITAL PATIENTS

### Lives In Danger

Cairo, Apr. 7.—The lives of about 1,000 abandoned patients were reported to be in danger tonight in two Cairo hospitals, where 1,500 striking male nurses had successfully held out in a violent struggle with armed police.

Press reports here said the striking nurses at the Kasr El Ainy and Fund El Awal Hospitals had quit their posts for the rooftops. There they threw down showers of stones and buckets of water on the heads of besieging police, who opened fire. Some of the nurses were wounded.

Egyptian troops and armoured cars were called after the police had used tear gas and had failed to break the defence.

The nurses, who went on strike last night, demanding higher wages, electrified and locked all the hospital doors, preventing doctors and surgeons from entering the hospital. The strikers refused to discuss the situation with the Minister of Public Health, saying that they would be prepared to listen only to a representative of King Farouk, or the Prime Minister.—Reuter.

## Aneurin Bevan 'Talks Turkey' To Dissatisfied Physicians

London, Apr. 7.—He was willing to "banish for good" the apprehension of the British medical profession that, through its National Health Act, coming into effect on July 5, the Labour Government intended to produce a fulltime salaried State medical service, the Minister of Health, Mr Aneurin Bevan, announced in Parliament today.

He accepted a suggestion of the Royal College of Physicians, a prominent medical corporation which has consistently opposed the Health Act, that Parliament should make it impossible for doctors to become salaried servants of the State without that specific consent of Parliament.

An expert legal committee will be set up, Mr Bevan said, to advise him on the disputed effect of the Act on partnership agreements. A short, clarifying bill might be

## Mae's Invitation Accepted

London, Apr. 7.—Thieves accepted Mae West's invitation, came up to her dressing room in a London Theatre, and walked out with jewellery she valued at between £2,000 and £3,000, the American actress told the police in Tuesday night.

Mae, appearing in London in her own production of "Diamond Lil," said the robbery probably occurred shortly before the evening performance.—Associated Press.



HAROLD STASSEN

## Stassen Wins Wisconsin Primaries

### At Expense Of Dewey And MacArthur

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Apr. 7.—Harold E. Stassen today upset General MacArthur and Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York in the important Wisconsin Presidential primary election.

With votes counted in 2,315 of the state's 3,198 precincts, the balloting split the state's 27 Republican Convention delegates this way—Stassen 21, MacArthur six and Dewey zero. Governor Thomas Dewey's campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination was hurt, perhaps fatally, today by returns from the Wisconsin preferential primary election. Wisconsin, which propelled Dewey toward the Presidential nomination in 1944, let him down badly in yesterday's voting. Dewey ran last in the three-man contest for Wisconsin Convention delegates.

Harold E. Stassen won and became an unpredictable factor in the Republican pre-convention politics. Stassen won a spectacular triumph. General Douglas MacArthur was placed second. The man of Bataan ran behind expectations. His Presidential stock was slumping today. Wisconsin's voters were not greatly impressed by the fact that MacArthur was a native son.

### FREE-FOR-ALL

Also entered in that free-for-all political contest are Senator Robert Taft of Ohio, Senator Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, Speaker Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts and Governor Earl Warren of California. Nebraska will have 16 delegates to the Republican Convention.

Stassen could join Republican regulars with a Nebraska showing comparable to the Wisconsin victory. Taft as well as Dewey would be set back severely if Stassen shut them out there. Taft's managers have had to accept Nebraska as the primary testing ground of Taft's strength outside his home state. The damage to Dewey's Presidential aspirations is more in the loss of prestige than the Wisconsin delegates.

Simultaneously with the Wisconsin polling the big New York state elected 80 Dewey delegates to the National Convention.—United Press.



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# WOMANSENSE

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Attractive dress for afternoon wear.

By VERA WINSTON

For afternoon functions, this is a dress for the woman who goes places and who likes to be well dressed but not over-dressed. The skirt, of black crepe, is draped over the hips, with nice detail in the looped effect through which the drapery appears to be pulled. The pretty bodices is of white crepe which has been hand painted in vivid colours.

## HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Toile objects (painted metal) may be cleaned by a solution of one part of turpentine to ten parts of mineral oil. Apply with a soft cloth and wipe thoroughly with a clean, soft cloth.

To get rid of musty odour in the cellar or basement, sprinkle a little chloride of lime on the floor. As soon as the mustiness disappears, sweep up the lime and scrub the floor.

When sprinkling clothes for ironing, wrap the coloured pieces carefully in waxed paper to keep them from fading on the white clothes.

## SILHOUETTES mark Paris Spring styles

By SALLY GRAM SWING

PARIS—Pierre Balmain, one of Paris' top designers, has pulled two new silhouettes out of his fashion bag for spring. One, a gently wide silhouette, is achieved by tiers, or "ripples" as he likes to call them, short capes, and long, rather full peplums on suit jackets.

Nowhere is there a plethora of material. Pierre Balmain has just returned from America, and there he saw that women led too vigorous lives to put up with skirts 15 yards wide.

The other, cut specially to hug the knees and hips, is called the "half bias" silhouette. In coats, the slim shape took two trends, one a very thin redingote, with tiny pleated godets in back. The other, worn specially for evening, was slim at the bottom, but had a wide collar which hung down the back in a large fold.

## SHOWING BRITISH

NEW fashion trends have given a fresh importance to corsetry and underwear, and a healthy determination to promote British exports in these fields is evinced by the forthcoming exhibition of collections, organised in the United Kingdom by Miss Thirza West before she sails on May 12 for the Toronto International Fair (May 31-June 12) with garments from houses which she will show on five specially designed stands.

Some of these firms will also be showing at two mannequin parades at the Park Lane Hotel, London, on May 4 and 5 (during the first week of the British Industries Fair) at which a much larger and more comprehensive collection will be seen. Novel methods of presentation are to be employed, and the displays will be filmed.

The collection that Miss Thirza West takes to Toronto ranges from the newest of "new look" corsetry and underwear, through children's clothes and baby linen, housecoats, nightwear and materials, to bathing dresses, and it is expected that a completely new British swimsuit, moulded to the figure, will be one of the sensations of the Fair.

## The Beret Beautiful



By ALICE ALDEN

IF there is one hat that is a perennial, that is right for practically every woman, no matter her type, it is the beret. Beautiful in almost any medium, easy to manipulate to suit the face, and hairdo, the beret is set to ride atop the

prettiest heads this Spring. This version was designed by Sally Victor and is made of pink sapphire straw, softly draped and manipulated. A graceful wing of matching bright pink feathers curves smoothly out of the folds to lend height in front.

## RED RYDER



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## New Trends In Shoe Styles



Shoes like these, fitting snugly at heels and with trim leather soles, are comfortable walkers.

By HELEN FOLLETT

WHEN you fare forth to buy shoes will your mind be in a chaotic state because you can't decide whether to buy them with closed or open toes? Don't worry. You pay your money, you take your choice. There was considerable hubbub about this matter some months ago when it was rumoured that toes that have been out must be covered. The great minds that solve such problems decided that it would be best to humour the pretty dears, let them pack their trotters in either style.

You will find a bewildering array of designs, colours, and ankle straps. For general wear you may prefer a closed shoe with high heeled platform in black suede, with black

leather sole. A more tailored model is offered in a sling-back shoe which flows in one continuous piece into the breast of the heel. The conservative buyer may find joy in a closed pump with a thin strap around the ankle.

**Decorative Elements**  
As in dress these days, the emphasis is on line rather than ornamentation, so decorative elements are at a premium.

A novelty is the wide ankle strap of leather. It is prevented from being bulky by the opening in the shank.

But don't let your mind dwell entirely upon looks. The shoe should be snug at the heel to prevent rubbing and consequent calloused spots or blisters. Flexible soles are essential to provide firm support and the requisite "give" as you toddle through your day's activities, whether it be running the domestic machine or just pleasantly gadding.

## BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

### Willy Toad's Wonderful Chair

—It Would Grow Bigger and Bigger—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was surprised to find his friend Willy Toad, who usually sat on a toadstool catching flies, busy sawing and hammering.

"What are you doing, Willy? Building a house?"

Willy looked up with a smile. "Ah, my dear fellow," said Willy, putting down his hammer and wiping his brow, "you find your friend Willy at a very important piece of work. Now," he added the next moment, "I'm not building a house. Toads have no need for houses. I'm building something a good deal more useful. I'm building a chair!"

"A chair!" Knarf exclaimed. "What do you need a chair for?"

### A BIG WORD AND A BAD HABIT

PROCRASTINATING is a big word, and it's a bad habit, too. It means putting off. A good answer to the habit is the old proverb: "Never put off until tomorrow what you should do today."

We all procrastinate at times. We say: "I'll do it tomorrow"—but tomorrow never comes! The only time we can do anything is NOW.

Do things now and you build the habit of being prompt, systematic, and dependable. This will make you popular and successful. You'll get your lessons in on time, your work done well and quickly, and you'll take care of your part in group activities without delay.

When you put things off they pile up on you until there's such a mass of things you should do that you get discouraged. You lose the fun and excitement of accomplishment. There's a lot of truth in the old jingle:

One thing at a time and that done well

Is a very good rule, as many can tell.

But you must do that one thing NOW. Don't let procrastination get you and spoil your fun with its trick of lazy putting off. Beat the habit of procrastination. It isn't easy, but you can do it if you try.

Get the habit of "Do It Now" and you're headed for popularity and success.



"I'm making a chair," Willy told Knarf.

"To sit down on," replied Willy, frowning. "What does anyone need a chair for?"

Knarf wondered why Willy Toad needed a chair to sit down on in the middle of the meadow.

**In the Meadow**

"Well," said Willy, "I just had a talk with my friend Owl. He's a mighty clever bird, you'll admit. He said folks who sat around all day catching flies, ought to have a chair to sit in while they caught them. It's much more comfortable. After I get my chair finished, I'm going to buy myself some books and newspapers, and a pipe, and a pair of slippers. There's no reason why I can't make myself as cozy as anyone else while I'm catching flies. It's a great waste of time (and quite tiring, too) standing on this toadstool—or even sitting on it—just looking up at the sky and thinking of nothing in particular."

Knarf asked Willy what he was making the chair out of. "Twigs," said Willy, "and moss on the bottom for a seat. Here—take a look. Isn't it handsome?"

Knarf looked. "Why Willy," he said, "the twigs are still growing in the ground! You can't make a chair out of twigs that are still growing!"

**Can't Blow Away**

"Why not?" asked Willy. "What's wrong with twigs that are still growing in the ground? They can't blow away, that's all."

"But they'll keep getting bigger and bigger! The chair will get bigger."

"Humph—so will I. It's the best kind of a chair to have—a chair that keeps growing bigger as you get bigger. Yes, sree, it takes a toad like me to figure out the right kind of a chair to make! A chair that keeps growing... fine, fine!"

And Knarf, walking on at last, thought perhaps Willy was right. Maybe, he thought, all kinds of furniture should grow—and shoes and hats and coats, too.

### DOTTY STORY

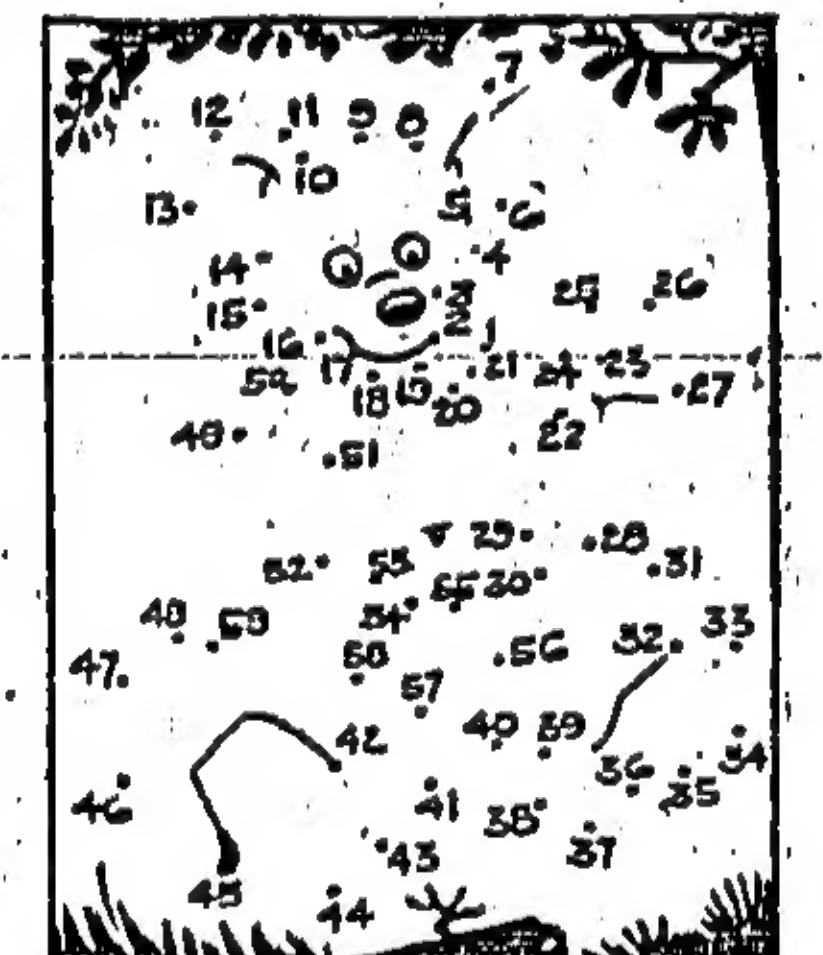
All of the animals in the woods were picking on Rudolph the Rabbit. He only had one friend, the wise old muskrat who lived in the swamp.

"The trouble with you," said the wise old muskrat, "is that you're not fierce enough. You should be such a very wild and savage beast that the other animals will be afraid to pick on you."

So Rudolph ruffed up his fur, bared his teeth and tried to growl. Then he broke down into tears.

"No matter how hard I try," said Rudolph, "I just can't—!"

Draw lines between the dots, starting with No. 1 and going to No. 2 and so on and you'll see what Rudolph couldn't do.



### SONG NAMES

The girl Adeline in the song, "Sweet Adeline," was originally named Rosalee, and the song was "Sweet Rosalee," but the name in the lyric written by Richard Rogers was changed by the composer, Harry Armstrong, so that it would rhyme with "for you I pine."

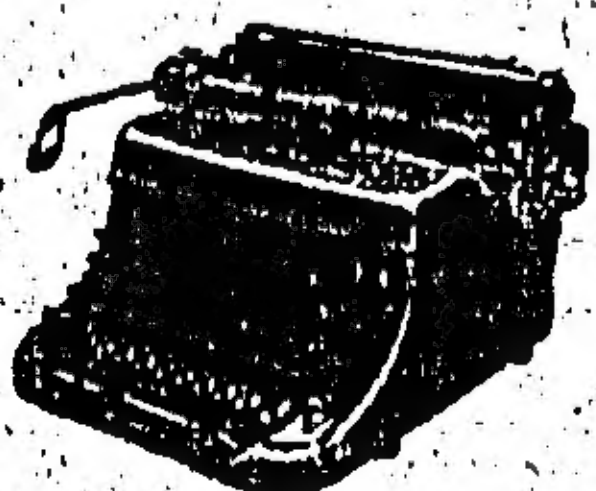
The old song favourite, "Marguerite," was said to have been inspired by a few notes carelessly played by the composer, C. A. White, when he ran his bow across the violin strings during practice.

### Rupert helps Dr. Lion—6



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# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**CENTRE OF ATTENTION**—"Kissing Jim" Folsom, Governor of Alabama, gives the cameraman a knowing wink as students at a New York school for fashion models crowd around to kiss him. Folsom flew to New York to keep a date with 500 beauties who voted him Number One Leap Year Bachelor.



**ITALIAN REDS**—Communists at Naples meet colonists returning from Italian Somaliland with placards reading: "Anglo-Americans are responsible for the destruction of your lives." The Communists have stepped up their propaganda campaign in preparation for the April 18 elections.



**"SKYHOOK"**—That's the name of this new plastic balloon used for research of the upper atmosphere. Tested near Minneapolis, it is capable of rising 20 miles with a 70-pound load of instruments. The instruments, released under parachutes, float to earth recording temperatures, pressures, cosmic ray intensities, solar radiation and other physical phenomena. (U. S. Navy Photo).



**EX-COWBOY TOUCH**—Artist Glen Rounds is looking for new walls to conquer. The ex-cowboy-turned-painter thinks the bare outsides of people's homes should reflect the pictorial tastes of the owners, and demonstrates what he means on his own home at Southern Pines, North Carolina.



**FUR ASCOT**—This silver-blue mink ascot can be worn around the neck as an ascot or over the shoulders as a stole. It was among the furs displayed at a New York showing.



**JUMPING THE GUN**—Football coach Ray Eliot of the University of Illinois gets an early start with spring training. Here he gives quarterback prospects a work-out.



**SOME MUSCLE**—With a look of admiration, six-year-old Robert McEllory tests Jersey Joe Walcott's muscles after an exhibition fight in Chicago. Jersey Joe is on tour, tuning up for his coming fight with champion Joe Louis.



**FROM THE RUINS—BEAUTY**—These young London art students don't have to go far to find material for their sculpture class. They simply pick up blocks of masonry from the rubble of blitzed buildings. Their studio is an old army Nissen hut.



**CANDIDATE**—Rene Lafitte, 20, a Chicago model, is among those competing for the title of Queen of the Chicago Press Photographers Association.



**TURKISH PEASANTS FLEE FLOODS**—Peasants at Adana, Turkey, carry household goods and animals as they try to escape rising flood waters. Heavy rains caused the Seyhan and Oeyhan rivers to overflow their banks. The flood, described as the worst in 50 years, claimed more than 400 lives, wrecked scores of villages and drowned thousands of heads of livestock.



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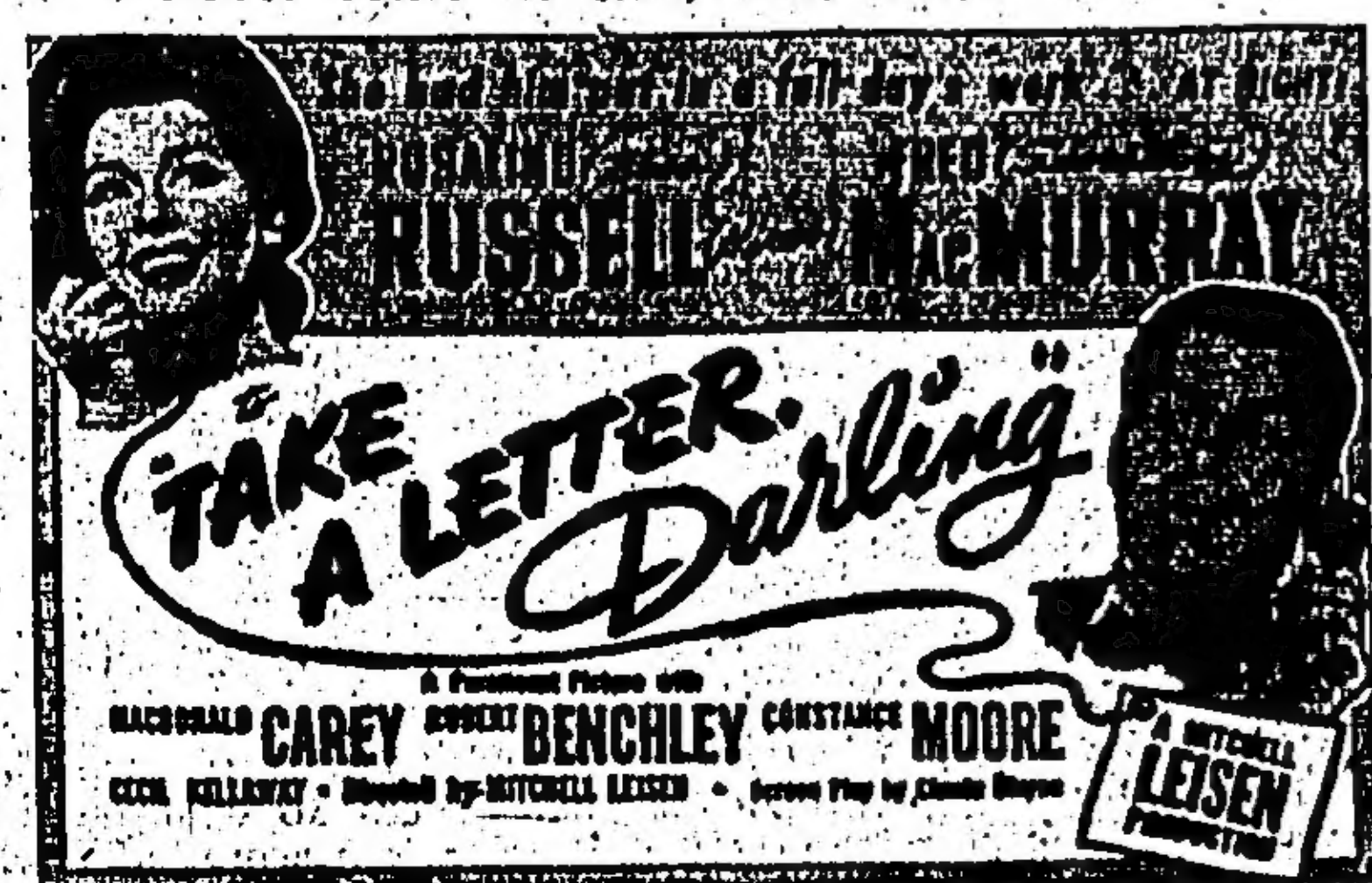
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OPENS TO-MORROW ! "THIS TIME FOR KEEPS" IN TECHNICOLOR

## Sefton Delmer's Newspaper

## REDS LOOK LIKE LOSING ITALY

ROME: March 22.

HERE I am now in Rome, wiping the snow of Arctic Finland off my boots. I have had to fly halfway around Europe to get here because the Socialised Swedish Airways were on strike for more pay from the Government, and I shall probably catch a terrible cold with all these changes in temperature.

But never mind, the contrast between the northern and southern front in the war between Western democracy and Communist totalitarianism is worth a cold.

In Helsinki I left the Finns going about their business outwardly austere and calm as usual. No posters, no fairs, no headlines. "The less said publicly at the moment the better," is the general attitude. But in secret they are laying plans for resistance—should they get Western support.

## Labour point of view

ERNEST

THURTELL, M.P.

MUCH comment has naturally been excited by the United Kingdom Government's decision to remove Communists and Fascists in the Civil Service from positions of special trust.

Normally it is contrary to our practice to consider the political views of civil servants. My opinion is that this is a protective act which finds justification in the country's recent experiences, and in the prevailing anxiety regarding our security.

THE problem is really one of dealing with political fanaticism. Beyond question the vast majority of citizens give first loyalty to their own country. No doubt, also, some Communists and Fascists put loyalty to their country first.

But, unhappily, there are undoubtedly a percentage of these people who are more loyal to their ideology than they are to their country's security.

Such people are highly dangerous, and it is against these that action is directed.

NOT only during the war was the danger made clear. Since then we have had the remarkable revelations of Communist espionage in Canada.

It is common ground that in time of war risk of betrayal by such warped fanatics cannot be tolerated. Today the strained international situation is sufficiently akin to war to make the Government feel the need for protective measures against the threat.

In the past ten years we have, in one way and another, learned a great deal, and if the safety of the nation is indeed the supreme law we must accept this mild application of it.

For mild, very mild it is compared with what has happened in countries where totalitarianism has triumphed.

THE best antidote for anxiety is action. Air raids during the war taught us that simple psychological truth.

That is why the signing of the Brussels Treaty has had a heartening effect upon our people. In a time of disquiet it is a positive act of self-help.

Nobody would contend that the five contracting parties represent a great aggregation of power, as power is now reckoned.

But there are five different peoples who share a belief in the basic rights of man as understood before the rise of dictators, and their coming together is a first step in the task of preserving those rights.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S language in welcoming this treaty was extremely significant.

He did not actually underwrite the agreement with a definite pledge of American assistance to maintain it, but he went just as near to this as it was constitutionally possible for him to go.

Indeed, in the face of the emphatic statements of the President and other political leaders in the United States, there cannot be the slightest doubt that America is determined to use her immense resources to defend what remains of freedom in Europe. And surely, tried Western Europe may well rejoice at so momentous a change of outlook.

Here in Rome is it another battle in the same war. But quite a different one. All is excitement. Young men with pots and brushes hourly paste posters on the walls. Cars trundle through the streets printing slogans in yellow paint on the black asphalt with their tyres.

Demonstrators wave their hands in semi-Fascist salutes, rushing through the streets in lorries with blaring loudspeakers.

Airplanes zoom low over the city dropping parachutes with leaflets, or flying long political streamers from their tails. Everywhere there are crowds reading, arguing, and occasionally fighting.

I was in the arcades backing on the Piazza Colonna—a kind of unofficial Hyde Park Corner—when the newsmen arrived with the papers announcing that Britain, France, and the United States had proposed to Stalin that Trieste be restored to Italy. The roar for a Wembley Cup Final goal was nothing to the bellow of triumph from the arcade.

## It means votes

COMMUNISTS and Socialists were visibly discomfited. All except one sophisticated young man with a light yellow trenchcoat and an appreciation of traditional Italian diplomacy.

"You see," he said to his friends, "how valuable it is to have a strong Communist Party in Italy. You watch, they will give us back our colonies yet if we can keep them worried about the Communists. I shall certainly vote for the Popular Front now."

But that does not seem to be the reaction of most of the people, or of the Popular Front leaders, particularly of those on the Socialist side. They are clearly put out and are doing their best to cry sour grapes. There is fellow-traveller Nenni in his newspaper. Avanti this morning. "Baldout and the other Westerners are giving something that costs them nothing."

The Communists denounce the move as a provocation against Russia likely to lead to war. There is no doubt from the way they take it that they expect it to cost them votes.

But please don't imagine that all this means that the Centre and Liberal pro-Western Coalition which now forms the Government will have a walk-over in the elections.

The Communists and Socialists are well organised. They have a disciplined following for their joint party machine among the industrial workers of the trades unions and among the landless peasants.

I am told that they have been winning many new voters in the south, particularly in Apulia and in Sicily, which up to now have always been Conservative strongholds, dominated by the Catholic vote.

The class war slogans, with their promise to distribute among the Have-nots the property of the Haves, have lost none of their appeal.

## 40% ceiling?

BUT the most optimistic forecast I have heard from objective observers is that the Communist-Socialist Popular Front will collect up to 45 percent of the seats in the new parliament.

A friend of mine, whose judgment and predictions on Italian affairs I have learned by experience to respect, tells me he is allowing the Popular Front 40 percent of the total vote.

As for the possibility of Italy becoming a Soviet satellite as the result of a Communist coup, the one thing that I will predict with confidence is that there will not be one.

There will be no Communist coup either before, during, or immediately

after the elections. I am convinced of this for two reasons:

1. THE Ministry of the Interior and the police force in Italy are neither under Communist control nor infiltrated by Communists—essential requisites for a successful Communist coup of the kind that has established minority dictatorships in the East European countries.

2. THE forces of order at the disposal of the State are strong, numerous, well-equipped, efficient, and loyal. They are much stronger and more self-confident than when I last visited Italy six months ago.

The 600,000 police and carabinieri have in the meantime been mobilised and mechanised.

Detachments of these motorised police troops have been able to dispose of the whole of Italy in the most strategic spots where they

## THE DRILL

AFTER the elections on April 18 the new Parliament meets in May. Its first job will be to elect Speakers for the Upper and Lower Houses.

Next it elects the President of the Republic. Then the new President of the Republic summons the political leader he thinks best qualified to command a majority in parliament and asks him to form a Government.

There are 99 separate political parties and groups in Italy; 33 of them are likely to put up lists for the elections.

might be needed. A symptom of the new power of the police is that they have succeeded in forcing the Communists to surrender vast stores of arms they had built up during the time of the partisan resistance. They have made arrests in districts that were considered to be Communist-dominated, and which only four months ago it would have been impossible to carry out. They are enforcing the decrees banning the wearing of uniforms by non-military and non-police organisations and the training of unauthorised paramilitary associations. All this is a severe blow to the Communist partisans.

## Crystal-gazing

THERE will be many more moves from both sides in the short period remaining before the election. There may be great changes in the situation. But if I am to hazard a prophecy as to the possible development of this Italian phase of the political war between East and West, it would be:

The Popular Front will be defeated in the election.

De Gasperi, the present Prime Minister, will form a new Government closely resembling that of today.

The Communist trades unions will start a wave of strikes aimed at sabotaging and obstructing the new Government and Italian recovery in general.

These strikes will be defeated in much the same way as the Communist strikes in France were defeated.

Under the leadership of anti-Communist Socialists like Lombardo, new non-Communist trades unions will be formed, and these non-Communist unions will assimilate or take in many of the workers who in Italy, like France, are tired of useless political strikes.

Communist will have lost its second major battle in the West. And the Kremlin will do nothing about it, because it cannot.

Now go ahead and say it—Delmer, you are a wishful thinker wearing rosy spectacles."



VOTE EARLY

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## 119 DAYS ON HORSE MEAT AND ARMY BISCUITS

By Peter Lovegrove

THE other evening I heard some ex-servicemen talk of the days when a packet of cigarettes cost them 25 shillings, and a dozen matches were auctioned for 13/6d; when their daily diet consisted of four ounces of uncooked horse, an army biscuit, and one pint of tainted water, stiff with typhoid germs.

They talked of Long Tom of Popworth Hill, of the howitzers on Surprise Hill, of Caesar's Camp and "that day" in January on Wagon Hill when the Devons saved the situation with a gallant charge, how "X" won the VC when he should have been court-martialled, and how "Y" was a tartar for guards and fatigues. It might all have been yesterday from the way they detailed the idiosyncrasies of sergeants and the peculiarities of quarter blocks.

But it had all happened 48 years ago. The veterans were survivors of the historic siege of Ladysmith, which held out for nearly four months against the Boers in the South African War.

## Once A Year

TWO Great Wars have overshadowed their exploit, and they have long since passed out of the public mind into school history books. One year, these forgotten old gentlemen dig out their songs and campaign ribbons and travel to London from Devon and Durham, from Newcastle, Nottingham and Norwich, from Aberdeen and Aberystwith, for their general meeting and dinner to celebrate the relief of that little town of brick and corrugated iron nestled in the steep, rocky hills of Northern Natal, a little town which once loomed large in the headlines of the newspapers and the anxious thoughts of British families.

Each passing year finds out their ranks. There were still a hundred but only 78, including four Chelsea Pensioners, answered the muster this time in the Duke of York's Barracks, Chelsea. Their ages? From 80-plus to the "baby" of the "old boys' old" ex-Rifleman Bayley, of the Rifle Brigade, who also saw service in Malta and Crete in the days when, as he told me, the Army was a hard school and there wasn't all this present-day "mollycoddling." He joined up at 17½ and got himself sent overseas by declaring his age as 18 and 10 months.

Though memories remain as green as ever, backs are each year a little more bent, hands are shakier, steps shorter and speech is a little more indistinct.

## Reliving The Past

"WE come together to find something of the old comradeship," said 70-year-old Mr E. F. E. Hawshoe, who was a bugler in the King's Royal Rifle Corps at Ladysmith, and served 22 years under the colours, and not so long ago in the Home Guard, "even though we sometimes fail to recognise the man who lived in the next tent so many years ago."

It is the one day in the year when they can relive the past, pour out their well-worn stories into sympathetic ears. For one evening, they are back among their 13,000 comrades in the dusty Natal hills with their VC Commander, the late General Sir George White, at whose statue they invariably lay a wreath.

General White, realising that the Boers, excellent horsemen, very

mobile and elusive, could make the really decisive stroke of the campaign by invading Cape Colony, instead encouraged them to besiege his force in Ladysmith while British reinforcements and supplies were hurriedly mustered in their rear. Though he was never forgiven by the Government for his action, it tied down 10,000 splendid guerrilla fighters, who became undisciplined and demoralised under the monotony of siege warfare and, after repulsing three relieving columns, were finally overwhelmed by the fourth attempt.

But it proved a very close call for the garrison, which also included 2,000 European colonists and 6,000 Kaffirs and Indians, thousands of horses and mules, and the flocks and herds of the colonists. Sickened with want of food and the climate brought them almost to physical exhaustion.

"Hot!" indignantly exclaimed an ex-5th R. L. Lancer, to whom I had timidly murmured something about the Middle East. "Why, the siege took place during the hottest months of the year, with temperatures running up to 104 degrees in the shade."

"And," asked a former Gordon Highlander, "have you ever been attacked by uncooked mule-mule that was just on the verge of starvation?"

People died like flies, added, a Pensioner. From dysentery. Far more than from Boer bullets. At one time or another at least half the inhabitants had a turn in hospital.

AND what about Long Tom? they asked in chorus. The Long Toms—Crested starlings and howitzers—were used on peppering the garrison day after day. There's even a poem about the most notorious, which runs something like this:

"For he can bend the stiffest back And mould the strongest will, He brags about the out of bed When we would fain lie still: We grumble, but we all obey Long Tom o' Popworth's Hill."

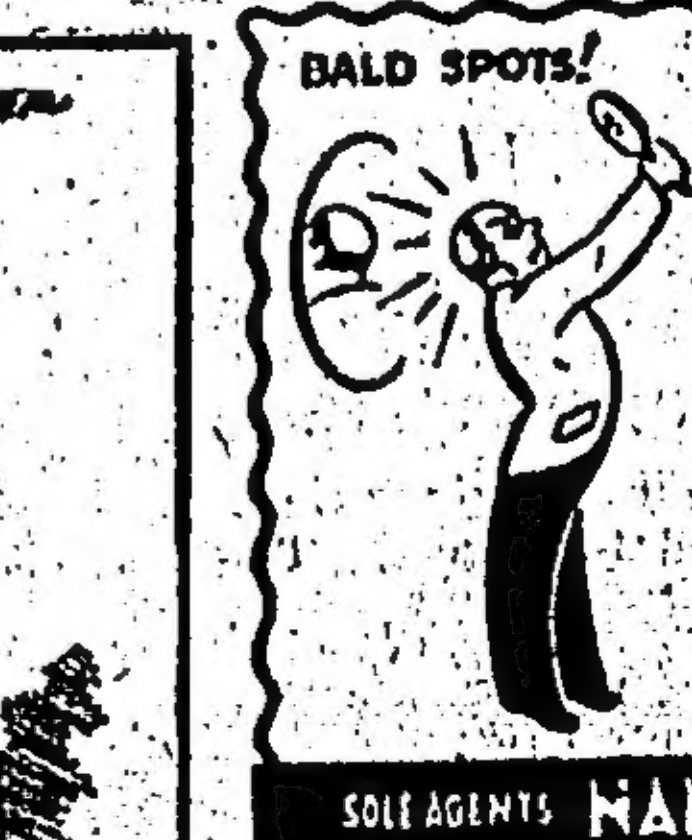
But though the folk of Ladysmith got to know every accent of the Long Tom, their regulars were not unbroken. When Lord Dunsford rode into the town at the head of the relieving Imperial Light Horse and Natal Carabiniers, he found that a mobile column had been set on foot, consisting of all the men who were not too feeble to march out to harass the Boer retreat.

This year, the Defenders of Ladysmith Association welcomed a new President. He is 70-year-old Field Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, seventh Baronet, with 24 initials after his name. Constable of the Royal Palace and Tower of London. But to those legendary figures, he remains young Captain Chetwode of the 10th Hussars, who had yet to earn his DSO. The Field Marshal has succeeded Sir Ian Hamilton, who died last year at the age of 94, and who was in command of the famous action on Wagon Hill.

There was also a big disappointment in store for them. They had looked forward to a really grand feast on this reunion. The people of Natal had sent them 20 pounds of ham, 60 tins of fruit and a quantity of tinned vegetables. But secretary J. R. Philpott, late R.N., and now the host of the "Jolly Sailor" Buntingford, Herts, had bad news: all the ham and most of the fruit had been rifled en route.

But, even though this is 1948, they had a good spread all the same. It wasn't uncooked horse and army biscuits this time. And, definitely, not pints of water.

## NANCY Anything Else, Sir?



By Ernie Bushmiller





## Rope Co. To Rehabilitate 26 Flats

### BIG RESERVE FOR WAR LOSSES

A profit of \$1,137,071 over book value made by the sale of factory buildings and land in Kowloon owned by the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was reported by the Chairman, Mr. L. Kadoorie, at the 50th Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Company held in their offices, Chung Tin Building this morning. He added that one million dollars of this had been left on mortgage, in accordance with the terms of sale, at a satisfactory rate of interest.

That it was the intention of the Directors to rehabilitate the 26 totally looted flats of the Company during the current year was also reported.

Before passing the report and accounts, one of the shareholders, Mr. A. Hillyall, suggested that it was rather drastic to take the war losses from this year's profits, and asked whether it could not be spread over a period. He was assured by the Chairman that, in view of the somewhat problematic chance of getting any money back from war losses, the Directors considered this a wise course to follow.

#### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

The Chairman said: You will see from the Accounts now before you that the result of the year's trading shows a Net Profit of \$285,742 and in addition to this there is a profit of \$1,137,071 on the sale of your Factory Buildings and Land at Kowloon. These profits when added to the unappropriated surplus of \$304,394 brought forward from last account give a balance of \$1,726,317 at credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:

Transfer to Reserve for War Losses, \$904,000; Transfer to General Reserve, \$150,000; Transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund, \$5,000; Transfer to Provision for Taxation, \$20,000; Pay a Bonus to Staff and Workers, \$20,400.02; Pay a Dividend of \$1 per share free of tax, \$200,000; Pay a Bonus of \$1 per share, not liable to tax, \$200,000; Carry forward to 1948, 133,075.93.

These recommendations have been incorporated in the accounts and I trust will meet with your approval. I wish to point out that the dividend recommended will be paid out of the taxable profits of the Company and the bonus from profits which are not liable to Corporation Profits Tax.

The proposed bonus to Staff and Workers is on a basis comparable to that of former years and I trust will give your approval as they have given very good service in difficult times.

You will observe in the Profit and Loss Account an ex-gratia payment made to the Staff of \$50,075.50, which is in line with what has been paid as Compensation for War Losses by other Companies, and which your Directors considered appropriate and fitting. I feel sure you will approve the donation of \$5,000 to the War Memorial Fund.

At our last Annual Meeting, Messrs. Percy Smith & Co. and Messrs. Pent, Marwick & Co. were appointed Auditors at a fee of \$1,000 each, but, following representations made by them, your Directors agreed to an increase in their fees to \$1,250 each subject to your confirmation which I trust you will not withhold.

#### MA TAU KOK SALE

During the year under review your Directors received a favourable offer for your property at Ma Tau Kok, Kowloon, which was sold, as I have stated, at a profit of \$1,137,071 over book value and, as you will see from the Accounts, one million dollars have been left on mortgage, in accordance with the terms of sale, at a satisfactory rate of interest.

As regards our House Property at Kennedy Town the income derived from rents of occupied flats is giving a fair return on the book value. There are 26 totally looted flats to be reinstated and it is the intention of your Directors to rehabilitate these during the current year.

Turning to the Balance Sheet you will see that our Current Assets exceed Current Liabilities by \$592,800. Stocks and other assets valued as usual, at cost or under, and Depreciation on Buildings, Plant, etc., has been calculated on the customary basis.

Your Directors recommend the creation of a General Reserve of \$150,000 and you will note that War Losses Account has been provided for by the proposed Reserve of \$904,000. You will also see that the Balance Sheet is presented in a more compact form with the previous year's figures shown for comparison.

**HEMP MARKET UNCERTAIN**  
The hemp market remains uncertain and affected by outside influences such as exchange controls and official buying, the incidence and effects of which are difficult to forecast, but I may say that we have on hand a good stock of raw materials.

There has, I regret to say, been no appreciable improvement in certain of our Far Eastern markets wherein we did a good business before the war but we are, however, trying to get into new markets, though it is too early to estimate the possibilities.

While I trust that you will consider the result of the past year's working not unsatisfactory, in view of the many difficulties with which we in common with other industrial concerns have been faced, I feel unable to prophesy as regards the future. Our sales for the first quarter of the current year are satisfactory compared with those for the corresponding period of last year, and I hope that we shall continue to receive a fair share of the business offering.

## PAULA By DENNIS WHEATLEY

When the big light crashed on to the studio floor, the star, Rita Vane, fainted



## L.B. WOOD MURDER CASE CONTINUES

### Cautioned Statement Read To The Court

Hearing of evidence in the Wood Murder case was continued before Mr Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning. The defendants, Lau Hoi (alias Lau Yun-hoi, 20), unemployed, Ho Cheuk-kui, 26, unemployed and Li Chung-chun (alias Li Chi-sang, 32), gardener of 377, The Peak, are accused of the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood at Kowloon Pass on February 11. Li is also charged with robbing George Ronald Ross who was out hiking with Wood on that day.

The prosecution is being conducted by Det.-Insp. T. Matches.

Sub-Inspector Matches resumed his stand in the witness box and produced the various articles which had been picked up by the Police from the scene of crime.

The exhibits included three stones, two of which were larger than a fist, stained with blood. On March 7, continued Sub-Inspector Matches, before the third defendant was formally charged with the crime, he took a cautioned statement from him.

#### MAN'S STATEMENT

The statement read:—The best thing, as you said there were two Europeans in the case, you can ask them to have me identified. On that day, February 11, I was with my friend the whole day. He can be responsible for me. My elder brother was also with me on that day. So my friend and my brother can be responsible for me. That is all on the second day of the new year (Chinese). I was only walking together with my friend and my elder brother. I was out walking with them until dark on that day before I returned to the Peak. By 5.30 p.m. tram I returned to the Peak.

Li Chung-chun added to his statement:—On that day my elder brother rang me up and asked me to take breakfast with him. I did so and when breakfast was finished, I went for a walk with him and my friend Mo Yung-hing. We took ten at Jordan Road and then we crossed the harbour to Wanchai where we walked about until 5.30 p.m. I then returned to the Peak. I watered the flowers and cooked my meal. I saw my mistress playing ball when I returned. That is all.

#### ACCUSED QUESTIONED

Detective Kwok Heung-chuen told the Court of the questioning of the first and third accused in connection with the crime. Kwok said that he was with Detective Sergeant Tam Chung when the first defendant was questioned at 4.30 p.m. on February 23. Tam Chung did the questioning and he noted down the defendant's replies. Later the statement was read over to the first defendant who signed, signifying it as correct.

Kwok continued to say that the third defendant was taken into custody on March 6 and when

questioned at 377 The Peak, the third defendant replied that he did not do it but urged the police to make further enquiries.

When the other suspects' names were mentioned the third defendant said he did not know them. The questioning lasted from 8 p.m. to shortly before midnight, and during this time he made no statement to the police.

When the detective finished his evidence, and when the defendants were asked by Mr Blair-Kerr whether they wished to cross-examine the witness, the three defendants reiterated their denial of the charge. First and second defendants alleged that they had been beaten by the Police during the course of enquiry.

First defendant alleged that he was assaulted by Det.-Serg. Tam Chung who forced him to make a statement. He was assaulted until he was unconscious.

The second defendant told the Court that he was struck with a truncheon and was forced to admit the charge. The case is proceeding.

### 3 Years For Divan Keeper

Lau Fook, 23, unemployed, was sentenced to a total of three years' hard labour by Mr Latimer at Kowloon this morning, for keeping a heroin divan, possession of 105 heroin pills, possession of a heroin pipe, and an opium pipe at the first floor of No. 51—Reclamation—Street on March 31.

The premises were raided by Sub-Inspector Baker and five persons were arrested for smoking on the flat. The smokers had been dealt with at the last hearing and defendant was remanded until this morning for sentence.

Another divan keeper Wong Kong was given a total of 27 months' hard labour for possession of 216 heroin pills and eight heroin pipes and three lamps at No. 23 Wusung Street, first floor.

Inspector J. Orem prosecuted.

### Wine Theft Did Not Leave Him In Best Of Spirits

Although he had stolen a bottle of Bordeaux wine from Sincere's Company, Mr. Chan, 30, was not the best of spirits when he appeared before Mr d'Almada at Central this morning charged with larceny.

"I'm ill and I wanted to get some money for my passage back to Shanghai," said defendant, looking very sorry for himself.

Mr d'Almada: What is the fare to Shanghai?

Defendant: About \$40.

Mr d'Almada: Well, that won't pay for it.

Inspector Moran: The wine is valued at \$10.

Mr d'Almada: Yes, it will be the bottle and something else.

Defendant: I meant to pawn some of my clothes.

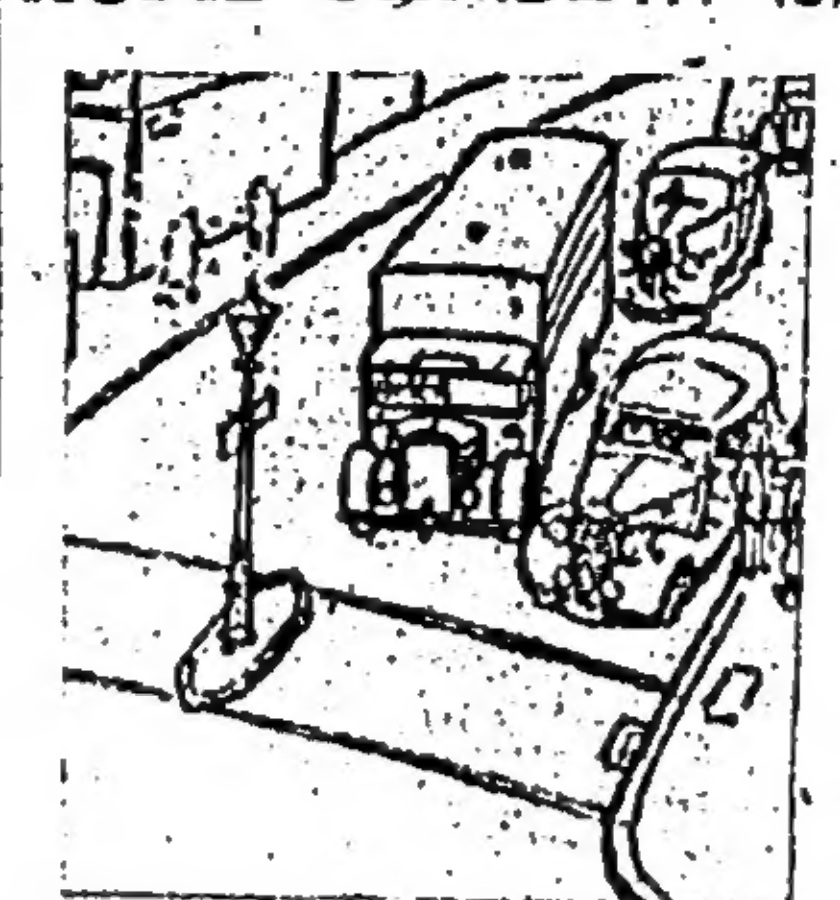
Mr d'Almada: You'll go back to Shanghai all right. Three months and recommended for banishment.

### Charged With Illegal Exporting

At the request of Revenue Officer Humphreys, Chan Kit-ye, 28, merchant, was remanded till April 12 by Mr d'Almada at Central this morning on charges of exporting gold and exporting foreign currency. It was alleged that on Tuesday, at Kowloon, defendant tried to export 60 taels of gold valued at \$25,000 and 2,000 hundred-piastre notes.

Defendant, who was on bail of \$100, will be represented by Mr Hin-shing Lo.

### ROAD SENSE (6)



Never stop near a crossing or refuse. This kind of thing is frequently done in spite of the obvious inconvenience to other traffic.

### Thieves Take Bricks From Pill Box

The wholesale theft of bricks approximately valued at \$1,600 from a pill-box at Tsun Wan district was disclosed before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon this morning, when three unemployed Chinese were given prison terms for simple larceny.

Fu Man-wah, 35, alleged to be head of the gang was sentenced to six months' hard labour, while Li Wing, 36 and Bi Bun, 30, were each given three months.

Insp. Roberts of Tsun Wan Police Station said that defendants were arrested when they started a fight together with some other persons at the site near pill-box No. 417 on the morning of April 6. Police enquiries revealed that the first defendant and his brother, who is not in police custody were head of a gang operating in the wholesale theft of bricks in the district.

Insp. Roberts added that ARP tunnels and pill-boxes in the Tsun Wan district had been looted by hoodlums during the past months and it was very difficult for the culprits to be traced.

Mr. Miron, Inspector of tunnels attached to the Public Works Department said that the bricks had been removed from the foundation of the tunnel and some 10,000 bricks had been removed from this particular pill-box. The roof of the pill-box would have collapsed any moment and it was dangerous for working party to make any repair at this stage. It was said that the cost to seal up the tunnel of the pill-box would roughly be \$500.

### FOUND WITH RAW OPIUM

During routine search by Revenue Officers at the Kowloon Canton Railway Station yesterday, two men were arrested when found in possession of a quantity of raw opium respectively.

Before Mr Latimer at Kowloon this morning, Ng How, 44, farmer, and Koo Kun, 45, unemployed, were each fined \$350 or three months' hard labour for possession of 3.5 taels of raw opium each.

The opium was concealed in defendants' shoes and tied around the waist respectively.

Revenue Officer Knox prosecuted.

### Italy Expects Colonies Back

Rome, Apr. 7.—Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, told a meeting of the Italian Cabinet today that Britain, the United States and France seemed agreeable to the return of Tripolitania and Eritrea to Italy, according to the Rome evening newspaper, Italia Socialista.

He added that Cyrenaica would remain under British and American control pending a final decision on its future.

Count Sforza told the Ministers of a plan prepared by Britain and France, with Italian co-operation, for the development of Africa, which would be extended to cover all the western nations.

Count Sforza left this afternoon for Switzerland.—Reuters

### HOW THE UN WAS BORN

London, Apr. 8.—In December, 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt and Mr Winston Churchill spent hours discussing a name for the "Grand Alliance" of nations against Germany. The next morning, as he was dressing, the President shouted: "I've got it" and rushed to Churchill's room.

"Where are you, Winston?" he called. "In my bath."

"I've got to speak to you." "All right, open up."

Mr Roosevelt wheeled himself up to the door and swung it open. The Prime Minister's robed torso rose from a welter of soapuds.

"Winston," Mr Roosevelt shouted, "How about 'The United Nations'?" Mr Churchill beamed through a mass of lather: "That ought to be it," he exclaimed.

This story of the birth of 'The United Nations' was told by the American author, Mr Aldous Huxley, in a biography of the late President Roosevelt published here today.—Reuters.

### FACES FIVE NEW CHARGES

A charge of impersonating a Revenue Officer at Shaikwan on April 1 was withdrawn against Yip Hon-jou, 32, shop fold, by the prosecution and five fresh charges preferred in its place at Central this morning.

The new charges consisted of two counts of impersonating a Revenue Officer, two of demanding money with menaces and one of larceny. It was alleged that on or about March 17, while on a Mong Kok bound ferry, defendant impersonated a Revenue Officer. On March 20, at Shaikwan, defendant was alleged to have demanded \$40 from Chan Kwong, and also to have stolen \$7 from Chan Kwong. On April 1, at the Fu Kwai Lau causeway, Shaikwan, defendant allegedly impersonated a Revenue Officer again and demanded \$50 from Chan Chiu with menaces.

Defendant was remanded for a week in gaol custody by Mr d'Almada.

### GUERRILLAS' SUDDEN RAID

Athens, Apr. 7.—United States sources today reported that an estimated 1,200 guerrillas attacked a United States aid mission road construction project in the east of Central Greece on Monday and Tuesday, killing five Greek soldiers and two civilians and kidnapping 67 persons, including 17 mission truck drivers.

The attack occurred on Monday night on a section of the Athens-Salonika highway near Pharsalos, when a rebel force suddenly swarmed down and burned or dynamited American trucks, road rollers and graders.

Sources said the battle raged throughout the night, with villagers coming to aid project workers. There was no mention of rebel casualties. Press dispatches said Greek Air Force planes pounded the rebels as they fled southward and one Spitfire was shot down.—United Press.

### Stole Saw Blades From Godown

Sentence of four months' hard labour was imposed on Cheung Lee-wah, 20, odd job coolie employed at the Ho's Wharf, by Mr Latimer at Kowloon this morning for larceny of six dozens of hand saw blades from the No. 1 Godown yesterday.

Insp. J. Orem said defendant was arrested in possession of the box of saw blades, which he admitted stealing from among a consignment of cargo unloaded from the ss City of Carlisle.

Defendant had a previous conviction for larceny.

### MINISTER FLEES SOVIET ZONE

Berlin, Apr. 7.—Dr Walter Kunze, the Liberal Democratic Minister of Finance for Brandenburg, in the Soviet Zone, was reported to have fled on Sunday and to have sought refuge in the Western Zone, according to today's Tagesspiegel. The newspaper said Dr Kunze had been the object of several attacks by the Tagesspiegel Rundschau, organ of the Soviet Military Government, lately and that he had been under close observation while in office.—Reuters.

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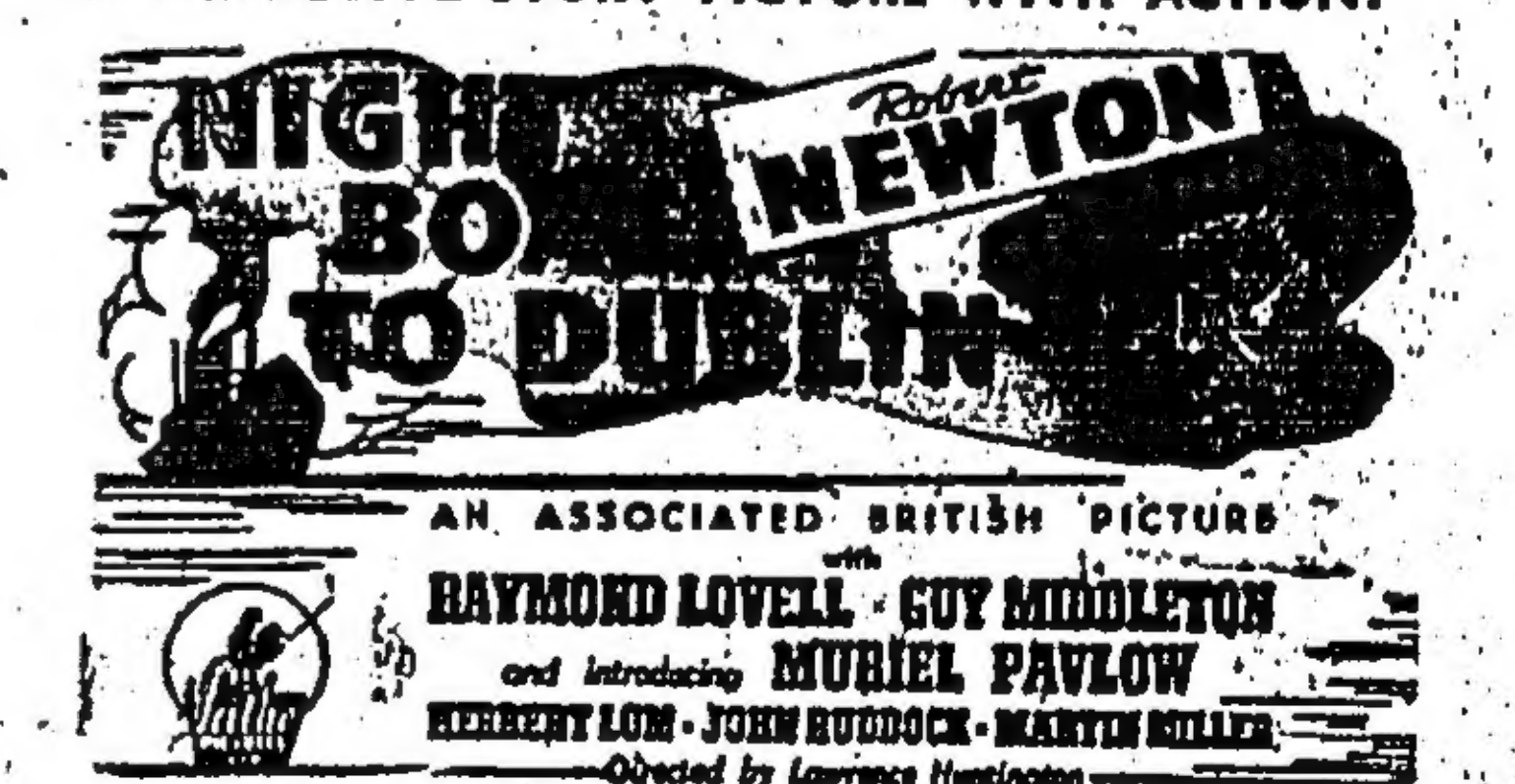
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# FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Since you had that fight with your girl, you've been eating twice as many sodas! What's the matter—lovesick?"

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Cinches a Finesse By Eliminating It

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

▲AQ1072	▲K83
▲AK6	▲QJ10
▲Q952	▲5
▲843	▲6763
▲K972	
▲AKJ10	

Tournament—N-S vul.

South	West	North	East
Pass	Pass	1♠	2♣
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening—♠ 8. 14

It is my prediction that Joseph Stedem of Chicago will become one of the most popular men associated with organized bridge. Joe, who is president of the Chicago Contract Bridge Association, loves the game and attended his first national tournament in Atlantic City, N.J.

Like many Chicago players Stedem has his own ideas on what to do with a hand. He never wants to get in a rut—and that is the only justification I can give you for his bidding on this hand. I do not know why he refused to open the bidding with the South cards, but in all likelihood, the next time he has a similar holding he will bid something on it. So we will pass over the bidding and get on with his line of play.

East played the ten-spot on the opening diamond lead and Stedem let it hold the trick. Then East cashed the ace of diamonds, on which West played the four-spot.

Now came the queen of diamonds, and when Stedem won this trick with the king he noted that East had held five diamonds.

Stedem cashed the ace and king of clubs. West showing out on the second club. This meant East had held four clubs.

When Stedem cashed the ace and king of hearts, East showed out on the second heart. Stedem cashed his two good club tricks, and then his only worry was the spade finesse. However he was not going to take any chances. He knew at this point that East held only two diamonds and two spades, so he led his nine of diamonds, allowing East to cash the two good diamonds.

But then East was forced to lead a spade into dummy's ace-queen. Thus the finesse was eliminated.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. What jewel is next to the diamond in hardness?
2. Why is port wine so called?
3. When were tanks first used in warfare?
4. What city do all Mohammedans face when they pray?
5. Where are the greatest of all glaciers?
6. "Harvest Moon" refers to what period?

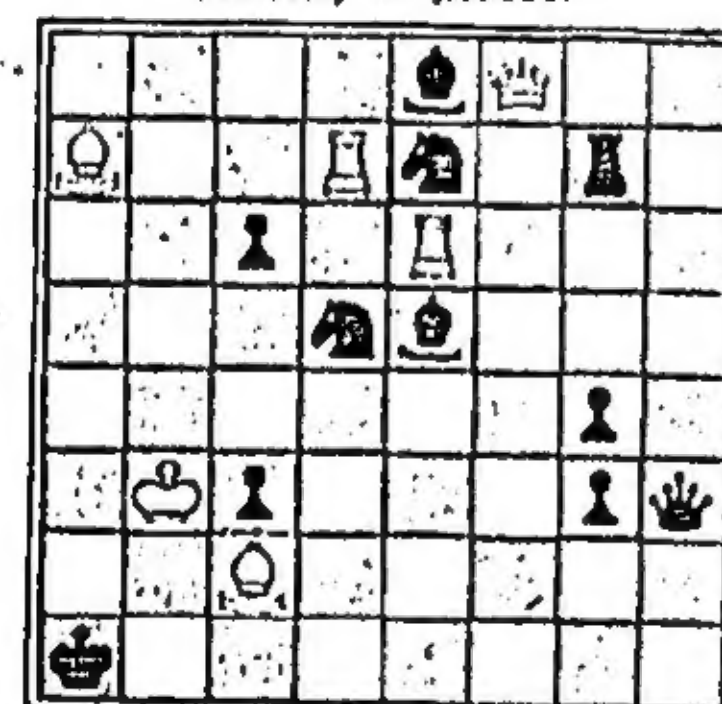
(Answers on Column 4)



## CHESS PROBLEM

By A. KARLSTROM (B.C.F. Tourney 54)

Black, 11 pieces.



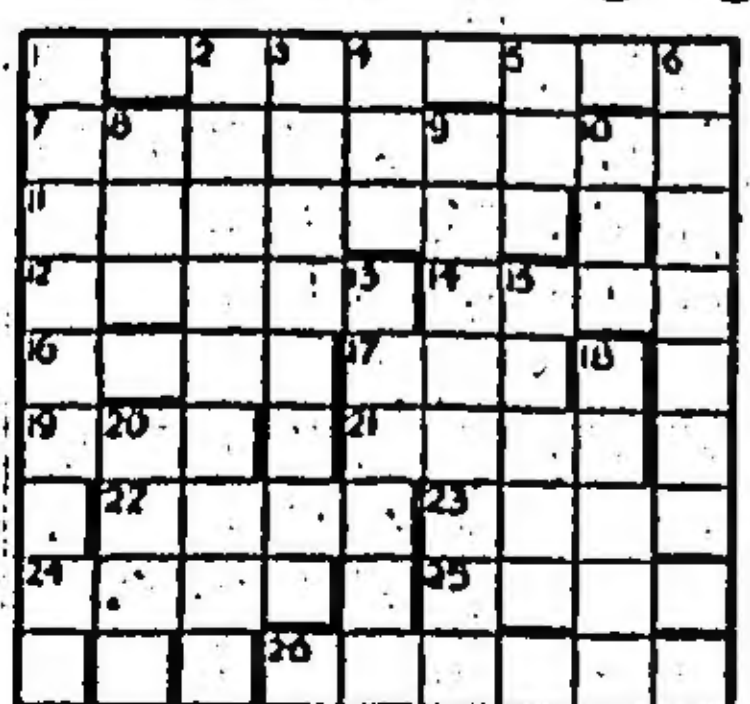
White, 6 pieces.

White to play and mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. K-K8. 1... R-K2. B2: C-Q8 (ch); 1... R-Q4; 2. Q-K2 (ch); 1... R-R4; 2. R-R4; 1... R-R1; 2. Q-B5 (ch).

## CROSSWORD



Across  
1. It makes a rare catch. (9)  
2. A common sight. (4)  
3. A common sight. (4)  
4. A common sight. (4)  
5. A common sight. (4)  
6. A common sight. (4)  
7. A common sight. (4)  
8. A common sight. (4)  
9. A common sight. (4)  
10. A common sight. (4)

Down  
1. Part probably played by 1 Across. (4)  
2. Somebody has upset the team. (4)  
3. An outstanding feature. (4)  
4. The right time to do this is when one is hungry. (4)  
5. A broken star. (4)  
6. Just listen for a change. (6)  
7. A common sight. (4)  
8. A common sight. (4)  
9. A common sight. (4)  
10. A common sight. (4)

## YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

**BORN** today, you have a high degree of efficiency and self-confidence. You have tremendous enthusiasm and enter upon your project at high speed, expecting everyone else to do likewise. You have little use for those whose mental processes and reactions are more slowly paced than your own. You enjoy travelling at high speed and thrive on the feeling of competition that it gives.

Your intuitions are keen and you must learn to follow them implicitly. Since they usually guide you correctly, you get the reputation of being very wise, and as time goes on, you will also begin to think that your decisions are made on a "hunch." Don't try to fool yourself. This gift has been given you. Use it and don't deny its existence, even to yourself.

You must be warned against becoming something of an intellectual snob. This is unworthy of you and

you must learn to get along with all kinds of people if you are to reach popular success. You can do it, easily, if only you will try. You are generally liked by all those with whom you come in contact, but often you put up such a front that acquaintances are held at arms' length until you decide to invite them into the inner circle of friendship. You know, almost instantly, whom you like or dislike; but you will pause a while before making any public commitment—and for this, you are sometimes considered a snob.

When it comes to romance, you are ardent and inclined to be jealous. The object of your affection will get full and loyal devotion, but you want reciprocation in kind. Don't permit yourself to become too possessive in your attitude and you will find more contentment.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

**ARIES** (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—A fairly good day for normal activities but avoid undue excitement or over-enthusiasm. Be conservative.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21-May 21)—If you are smart you can smooth out any minor misunderstanding and gain a complete success over an adversary.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 22)—Farmers are favoured. Professional chemists and construction workers may also find increased activity.

**CANCER** (June 23-July 23)—A good day for romance. A new employment opportunity may appear, so be prepared to consider it wisely.

**LEO** (July 24-Aug. 23)—Push new undertakings. If opening a shop, this would be a fine time to do it. Aspects for it are favourable.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Yesterday's ideas may reach their fulfilment today. Be prepared to act on important matters profitably.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Continue yesterday's activities. If

a project will profit by publicity, then see that you secure it.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Don't fall victim of some scheme. Your own plans probably are much better than those of others just now.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A good all-round day for your activities. Romance is in the air, so keep an eye open in that direction.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—New ideas for business expansion are in the air. Investigate projects and, if good, be confident of success.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Don't let others misrepresent a deal. Investigate thoroughly before committing yourself. If good, act swiftly.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Be prepared for the unexpected and you won't be surprised! A new opportunity for advancement may open up very suddenly.

## AROUND THE WORLD

### Egypt Lures Travellers

By TEMPLE MANNING

THE lure of Egypt is eternal and travel agents say that it ranks more than ever as a travel objective with who have the leisure and money to travel far afield. This is why travel to the land by the Nile has been stepped up by plane.

There is always something new to see for those interested in ancient Egypt, apart, of course, from the cosmopolitan atmosphere and gaiety of Cairo and the charm of the surrounding desert.

#### Bedouin Workers

For instance, in 1942 some Bedouin workers on King Farouk's estate, just north of Cairo, brought home some curious knives and vases found while digging. These discoveries have now resulted in the partial excavation of one of the greatest cemeteries in the world, the gigantic ancient burial ground of Heliopolis. Exquisite objects made of ivory, buck brushes, walking sticks, vases, carvings in hard stone, examples of early building masonry have already been found, and further and more wonderful discoveries are anticipated.

A miracle has been wrought in the restoration of the Rest-Temple of the King Sesostrius at Karnak, which today stands in the same immaculate beauty as when it left the hands of its builders almost four thousand years ago. Built in 1950 B.C. "for all eternity," as its inscription reads, of the purest white limestone, as a memorial to the god Amun, and as a rest house during the jubilee of the king, it stood until 1400 B.C. At that time all the buildings in the area were destroyed while another king did some building of his own. The blocks were used in other building or scattered and buried for 3,300 years.

Work on the restoration of the temple was begun in 1914 and now the task has been successfully completed. The carving is amazing, as is the huge slab of pink granite in the centre of the 17½ feet high temple, which is an open room of 10 pillars covered with the carvings. Other work, carried out at Tanis, has resulted in a find of toilet or-



A typical ancient curio to be seen at the Cairo Museum, Egypt.

ticles and silver and gold vases that date back to 1,000 B.C. Also placed in the museum at Cairo is the silver coffin of King Sheshok, called Shishnak in the bible, who married King Solomon's daughter. Then there is furniture that belonged to Queen Hetepheres, mother of King Cheops, which means that the furniture was made around 2,500 years before Christ.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. The sapphire. 2. It derives its name from the city of Operto where it originated. 3. In 1916 by the British. 4. Mecca, birthplace of Mohammed. 5. In Greenland and Antartica. 6. On or about September 22, in the northern areas, when the sun sets directly west and the full moon rises directly east almost at the same time.

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## POCKET CARTOON

By OSBERT LANCASTER



"He says which would we rather have—the Old Via Company in 'Romeo and Juliet' or Sir Malcolm Sargent and the London Philharmonic?"

## BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"THE whale is a sausage in its natural state."

This is a dangerously wild exaggeration on the part of a high official, and may encourage young adventurers to take ship to distant waters hoping to harpoon a sausage or two in the Mozambique channel, home of the hump-backed whale, which old sailors ride like a camel. The hump does not go into sausages, but is extracted and used to make linings for boilers or shutters for lanterns. The fins used to be made into fans for Burmese ladies, a practice which ceased with the introduction of railways and the consequent development of travel.

The clupandonic acid in sperm oil is used for dressing jute for lubricating screw-cutting wheels, and for gumming fibres. A kind of tallow called nibin is obtained by boiling the blubber in copper pans, steam-heated. A hydraulic press is then used to drain off the chalice, a vitaminous oil rich in gobolul.

## I can't follow this

A TOURIST at Saint Jean-de-Luz once watched the Basque sardine-fleet coming in. He had heard that the Basques were great whale-hunters (they were among the earliest to go to the Newfoundland fisheries), and he went up to a sturdy sailor on the quay, pointed to his boat, and said, "Any good whales this trip?" "Only a baby one," said the Basque, handing him a sardine. The tourist took the little fish back to England with him, and today it can be seen in the Leeds Natural History Museum, to which he presented it. The glass case in which it reposes is labelled: "The Smallest Whale in The World. Gift of Mr Ernest Toothcroft." In 1923, Professor Cadegway contributed a paper to the Journal of Piscatorial Research, in which he advanced one hundred and eight proofs that the fish was not a whale but a sardine.

## Fireman's trousers in pudding

"ALL animals," says my paper, "respond to kindness." A surly old beast is the rhino. Too ugly, too clumsy, too fat. But I'm sure he will smile if we give him a little round wickerwork hat.

If you have any little round wickerwork hats which have grown too shabby or too small for you, send them to the rhinoceroses at the Zoo.

## Old songs re-sung

Hen relays egg ("Radio Chatter.")

## FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

### MORE BUSINESS ON STOCK EXCHANGE

An improved volume of business was recorded during this morning's session of the Hongkong Stock Exchange, but the market generally remained quiet with no unusual changes. Total sales amounted to \$583,000.

Noon closing prices and this morning's transactions are listed below:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
DANIES			
HK Bank	2030		
East Asia	1135		
INSURANCES			
Canton	410	100 @ 400	
Union	720	5 @ 700	
HK Fire	320	100 @ 300	
DOCKERS, ETC.			
HK & K			
Wharf (O)	170	400 @ 172½	
HK & K			
Wharf (N)			
fully paid		100 @ 160½	
Wharf paid		100 @ 160½	
Docks	31½	32½	200 @ 31½
Provident	23½	23½	140 @ 23½
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	18	18½	80 @ 18½
HK Land	85		553 @ 85
Humphreys	6½	25	1050 @ 24
UTILITIES			
Tramway	22½	23	700 @ 21
Star Ferry			400 @ 50½
Electric	50	50½	2720 @ 50½
Ch. Light (O)	24.15	24½	1100 @ 24½
Ch. Light (N)	10	10½	550 @ 45
Telephone (O)	40½		
Telephone (N)	40		
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	43½		
Stops	21	500 @ 20.50	
Daily Farm	50	200 @ 54½	
Watson	49½	52	500 @ 50½
Lane			
Crawford	37		
COTTONS			
Ewo	17½	1300 @ 18½	457 @ 18

## Crude Rubber Stocks Up

New York, Apr. 7.—The N. Y. Commodity Exchange today reported that stocks of crude rubber increased sharply during February as production ran ahead of consumption.

Natural rubber imports from the Far East into the United States dropped to 54,200 tons in February from 80,504 long tons in January. This was the lowest figure since November but still well above the 30,318 tons imported in February 1947.

Combined natural crude and synthetic rubber consumption during February fell to 80,085 long tons which was the lowest level since July 1947.—United Press.

## Less Textiles Activity

New York, Apr. 7.—Activity today slackened considerably in Worth Street as buyers shied away from the sharply higher prices quoted on print-cloths by leading producers.

Mill offerings on the 80-square fourth-quarter delivery were boosted to 20-1/2 cents a yard or 1-1/2 cents above the level prevailing late last week.

Converters were reported to have increased their price resistance in the garment trade and retail field. Feeling developed that estimates on probable government buying for military use had been exaggerated and barring any short of actual warfare the present production schedules could take care of all requirements.

Other observers believed that should the unexpectedly heavy military demands dislocate production schedules shortages would not be as drastic as during war emergency because Japanese importations could be used to relieve any supply stringency.—United Press.

## SMALL DEMAND FOR COPRA

New York, Apr. 7.—The copra and coconut oil markets ruled quiet today, but the undertone was stronger in line with the higher Philippine market.

Domestic crushers paid US\$365 for small quantities C.I.F., Pacific Coast, April/May delivery, or US\$10—above previous transactions. Cable advices reported a tight supply situation in the Philippines reflecting a combination of the recent typhoon damage, plus effects of the recent war and demand for European interests.

Coconut oil producers held April/May shipment at 24 cents a pound in tank cars, Pacific Coast.—United Press.

## Market Reacts To Budget

London, Apr. 7.—The London Stock Exchange failed in its efforts successfully to anticipate probable reaction to Sir Stafford Cripps's budget upon investment values.

It was generally accepted that gentlemen no longer prefer bonds, but must at all costs find attractive issues which will rise in price and furnish tax-free profits.

Thus the first reaction was a highly scattering demand for industrial shares with rises of sixpence or thereabouts, while gilt-edgeds were the scene of the greatest confusion with losses ranging from 1/10th to 3/8ths, interspersed with sharp recoveries.

Other sections were inactive.—United Press.

## HEAVY LOSS OF STEEL

New York, Apr. 7.—The magazine Iron Age said today that nearly 600,000 tons of steel were lost during the soft coal miners strike and even if the strike ends at once the loss may reach 2,000,000 tons before normal operations can resume.

The magazine pointed out that a loss of 600,000 tons would cover about one-third of steel requirements under the European recovery programme.

The magazine placed the ingot rate this week at 80 percent of capacity and said if the mine shutdown continues into the next week the rate could fall as low as 70 percent of capacity.—United Press.

## China Produce And Bristles

CLOSING PRICES

Aniseed Oil, per lb. F.O.B.	0.80/90
Cassia Oil, per lb. F.O.B.	2.40/3.00
New York	
Tung Oil, in tank cars, per F.O.B. New York	12.75 nominal
Sandalwood, in drums, depending on quality	3.70/4.00
Agar Agar, per lb. F.O.B.	10.00/10.50
Beryllium (10 to 12 percent) per ton	0.45
Molybdenum (90 percent) per lb.	

## CHINA BRISTLES

Bristles, F.O.B. New York, per lb. as follows:

Hankow, Regular Assortments	3.30
Shanghai	2.30
Chungking	2.25
Tientsin 20's shorts	2.50/2.80
Tientsin 20's regular	7.30

—United Press.

## Exchange Rates

In the unofficial local exchange market this morning, business was done at the following rates:

Chinese dollars	89.200
Sterling notes	13.05
U.S. dollars	5.745
Gold bars	339.00
Piastres	11.70
Siam ticals	26.00
NEI guilders	38.50

## Japanese Rayon Yarn Report

New York, Apr. 7.—It was learned today through trade circles that a large quantity of Japanese rayon yarn is being offered at US\$1.12 per pound for 160 Denier and US\$1.10 for 120 Denier.

Importers offering the yarn reported they have approximately one million pounds of 120 and 160 Denier and Viscose Rayon for immediate delivery from Japan.

It was reported that top quality Italian yarn is imported from Italy through Switzerland to be sold at US\$1.48 per pound, duty paid.—United Press.

## The Last War's Biggest Raids

London, Apr. 7.—Geoffrey De Freitas, British Under-Secretary for Air, gave the House of Commons the official one night bomb tonnage record for World War II in Europe on Wednesday.

By the Royal Air Force 5



# Chiang To Be Drafted President

## "No Other Person Big Enough"

Nanking, Apr. 8.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will be drafted this afternoon as the new President of the Chinese Republic, according to high Kuomintang Officials in an interview late last night.

High officials of the Party stated that "there is no other person in the country big enough for the important post."

This afternoon the National Assembly is expected to consider the nomination for the Presidency. Thus far, only Dr. Chu Cheng, President of the Judicial Yuan, has accepted nomination and, though he, too, is a Kuomintang member, his candidature is not considered serious in Nanking.

One key official told Reuters-AAP that the Generalissimo is the only person equipped to lead the country. Other officials say that President Chiang does not wish to withdraw from the Government at the present difficult juncture, but he feels that the Presidential office may restrict his activities.

Some quarters say that the Generalissimo would like to become Prime Minister in order to have more control over the affairs of State, while still others feel that he will be able to exert his influence just as much in the Presidential role.

### CONFIDENT OF SUPPORT

These high officials are unanimous that President Chiang will receive overwhelming support from the Kuomintang, minor parties and independents. "Indeed, from the whole of the country, including Nationalists and Communists."

### NOTICE

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED

### Notice To Shareholders

### ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Office of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
C. E. TERRY,  
Manager and Secretary.  
Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.

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Closing of Transfer Books  
Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hongkong, 5th April, 1948.



CHIANG KAI-SHEK

## 3-Pronged Movement By Chinese Reds

Shanghai, Apr. 8.—The Communist troops, moving along three widely scattered fronts north of the Yellow River, are focusing on key points of railways radiating from Peiping—northwest into Inner Mongolia, northeast into Manchuria and south toward the Hopei provincial capital of Paoing.

The three-pronged movements coincided with an official government announcement of the evacuation of Laoyang, important Honan province rail centre south of the Yellow River.

Only minor skirmishes were reported in Inner Mongolia but at the same time it was known that the Reds were closing in on Kweihsui, with some units reaching within 20 miles of that city.

The Government Headquarters in Peiping said the Reds were evading frontal engagements. In Manchuria the Reds were reportedly bearing down the area of Tachuan, 70 miles southwest of Mukden.

The Nationalists were reported to be continuing to land reinforcements at Huludao and Chingwangtao. The reinforcements moved into Manchuria.

### AIR FORCE ATTACKS

The Air Force launched a series of attacks on Tientsin and other Red rear bases to slow down troop movements and impede repairs of railways in the Red territory.

The United Press, in a Peiping dispatch, said it was reported that Mukden military quarters predicted an about Communist offensive against Mukden, beginning early next month.

The dispatch also said the Communists were massing west of the Peiping-Paoing railway.

The announcement of the evacuation of Laoyang—which changed hands twice in the past 48 hours, explained that Laoyang was "no longer of strategic importance to the Nationalists."

A pro-Government dispatch this morning said that Fengchen was recaptured.—United Press.

## Siam's Cabinet Resigns

Bangkok, Apr. 7.—The Siamese Cabinet headed by Nal Kwang Abhaiwongse, which was formed on February 25, resigned today.

Unconfirmed reports said that Field Marshal Phibul Songkram, the wartime Premier who is Commander-in-Chief, may form a new Government.

The Cabinet resignation followed all-night conferences between the Premier and his colleagues and leaders of the coup d'etat last November.

The Cabinet was set up within 48 hours of the coup d'etat on November 9. After gaining a victory in the subsequent elections, the Cabinet formally resigned on February 7 and re-formed under a caretaker basis until given proper governmental powers on February 25.—Reuters.

## BERLIN AIR CRASH INVESTIGATION

## Soviet Note Received But Not Disclosed

Berlin, Apr. 7.—A Soviet note replying to the British request outlining certain requirements for the investigation of Monday's air crash when a Soviet fighter collided with a British European Airways Viking was received at British Headquarters here today, but its contents were not disclosed.

No information has yet been disclosed of the requirements contained in the note sent to Marshal Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor, yesterday.

A British spokesman said today he could give no indication when the exchange would be made public.

Earlier today, Russian allegations that the Viking broke flying regulations when it "suddenly broke out of a cloudbank" were immediately denied by British officials today.

The account given by a Soviet inquiry commission was "palpably untrue," they said.

Against this background of official controversy, the inquest of the 14 people who died in the Viking opened at a hospital in Spandau, in the British sector of Berlin, but was adjourned sine die after taking evidence of identification only.

Eight of the victims were being flown to Britain today in a Dakota for burial. Two more Britons will be cremated and two others buried here.

### AGENCY'S CONTENTIONS

The British authorities were today still awaiting a reply from Marshal Vasili Sokolovsky to a note from the British Military Governor, General Sir Brian Robertson, setting out the condition for a commission of inquiry into the crash.

The Soviet-licensed German news agency said today that a 1048 directive, forbidding planes to go within two miles of airfields unless cleared by the safety centre, was considered by "informed Control Council circles" to be incomplete and not precise.

The Russians had repeatedly brought up the question of revising the air regulations, but the Western representatives had refused to examine them, the agency declared. The findings of the Soviet inquiry commission, according to Tageliche Rundschau, organ of the Russian Military Government, were: (1) the Viking "shot out of a cloudbank" between 1,300 feet and 1,550 feet over the Soviet airfield of Dahlgau, five miles north of the British airport of Gatow; (2) the British Administration did not inform the Berlin safety air centre of the Viking's flight, and "consequently the safety centre could not inform the Soviet air-traffic" while the Soviet plane was about to land from a training flight.

The report urged a mixed Soviet-British inquiry commission.—Reuters.

## Gift Parcels For MPs

London, Apr. 7.—Twenty-four parcels, "presumably containing liquor," were delivered to the House of Commons yesterday by the Polish Embassy in London. Fourteen were distributed to the Members to whom they were addressed, and the other 10 were returned.

Colonel Douglas Clifton Brown, the Speaker of the House, told Parliament today the authorities were not told about the delivery in time to stop the distribution of all the parcels. The 10 returned were accompanied by a note explaining that Parliamentary rules did not permit such gifts.

A Conservative Member, Mr. Quintin Hogg, asked if it was not contrary to the rules for a selective group of Members—who, he said, seemed to belong to one section of a political party—to receive gift parcels.

The Speaker said he would have thought it "very embarrassing" to the Members concerned. "It was very undesirable," Mr. William Gallacher, one of the two Communist Members, assured Parliament that his party had nothing to do with the matter.—Reuters.

## Nine Killed In Dump Explosion

Berlin, Apr. 7.—Nine German workers were killed, three seriously and one slightly injured, in an ammunition dump explosion today at Mainsbeker, in the United States Zone, the German news service, DEFA, reported.

The explosion occurred during the loading of the ammunition, which was to be blown up by order of the Military Government in accordance with the demilitarisation programme.

A solitary shell went off first, and ignited 50 tons of ammunition. The explosion was explained as being due to the bad condition of the ammunition, which was stored for years in the open.—Reuters.

### 24-oz. Baby Dies

Norwich, Ed. Apr. 7.—The 24-ounce baby girl born to Mrs Irene Prescott on Sunday died in hospital at Norwich today.—Associated Press.

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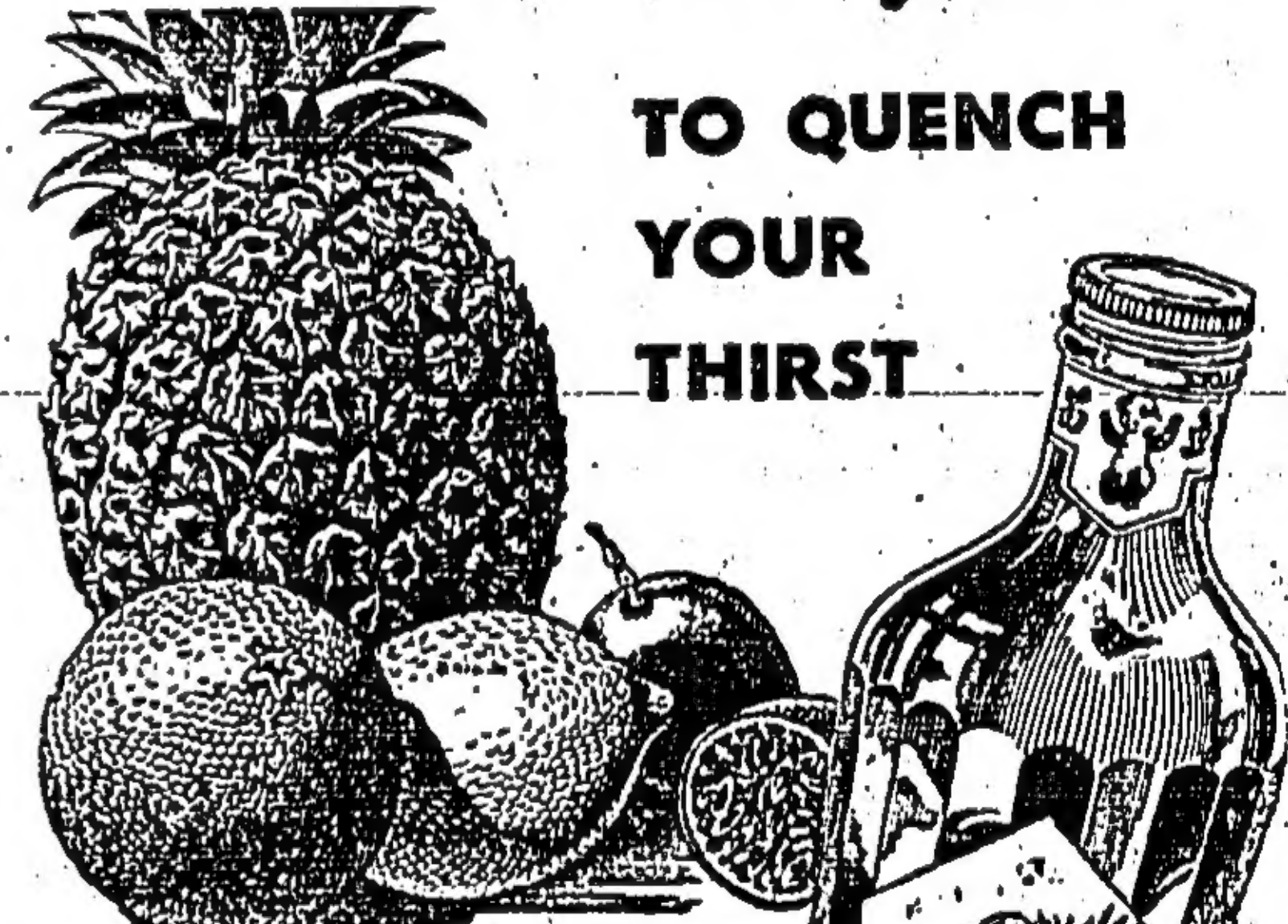
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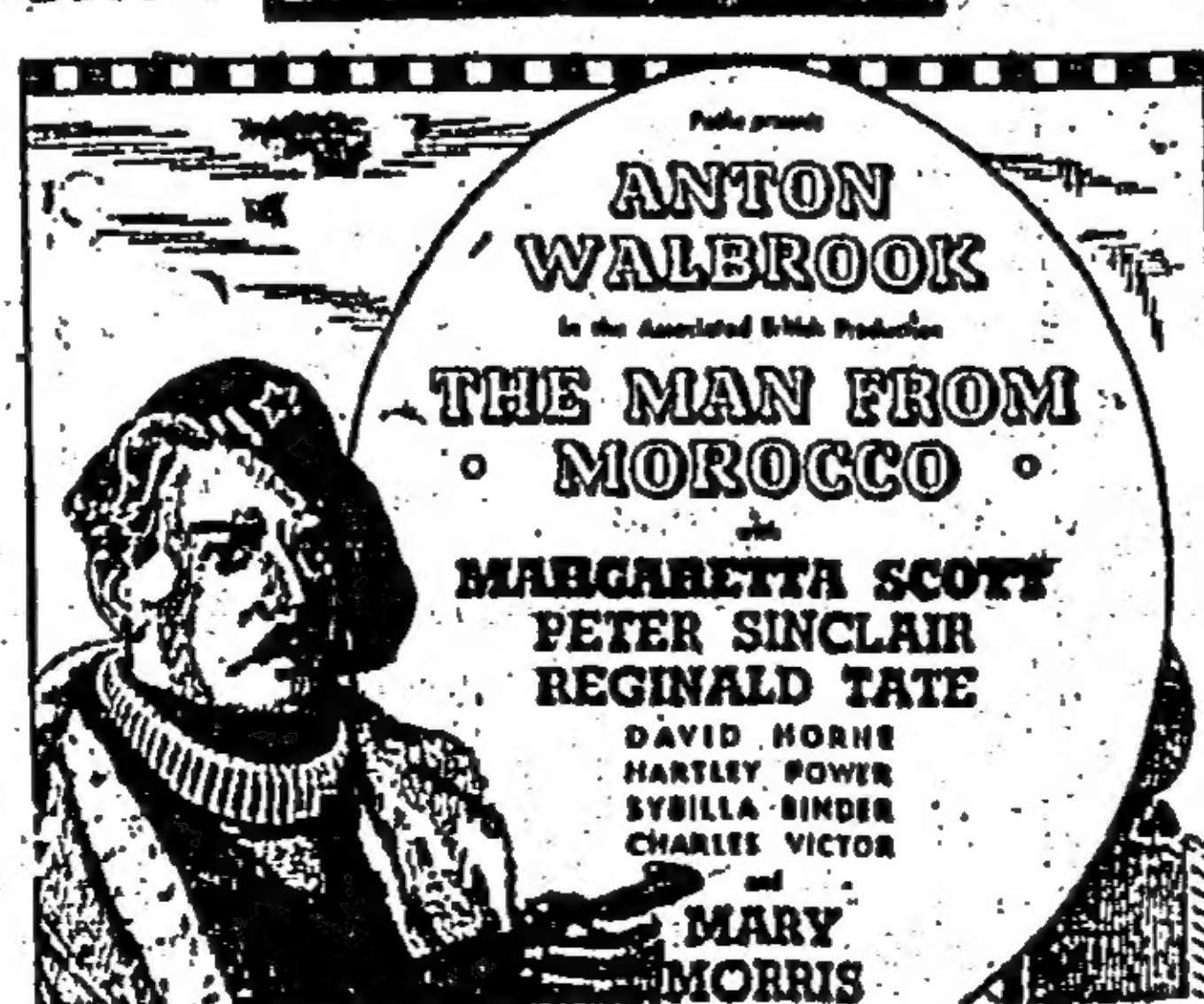
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